

AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS

The attached sheets of Drawings include changes to Figs. 2-4. These sheets, which include Figs. 2-4, replace the sheets presently including those Figs. In each of these Figs. 2-3, certain of the reference characters have been changed to more clearly designate the elements to which they refer.

Attachments: Replacement Sheets (3)

REMARKS

At the outset, the courtesies extended by the Examiner and his Supervisory Patent Examiner at the 3 August 2006 interview are appreciatively noted. At the interview, the Examiner's formal concerns regarding the Drawings and Claims 3-5 were discussed in light of certain clarifying changes to the reference characters proposed to the Drawings, and certain clarifying amendments proposed for Claim 3, as set forth herein.

An agreement having been reached at the interview, Figs. 2-3 are further clarified by appropriate clarifications of certain reference characters. In addition, Claim 3 is further clarified by amendment for prosecution with the other pending Claims.

In the Office Action, the Examiner allowed Claims 1-2. As for Claims 3-5, the Examiner rejected those Claims under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, for reciting subject matter not adequately described in the Specification. It is respectfully submitted that Claim 3 as now amended (as proposed at the interview) now obviates the Examiner's formal concerns under 35 U.S.C. § 112.

Also in the Office Action, the Examiner objected to the Drawings under 37 C.F.R. § 1.83(a) for lacking clarity in a number of noted respects. Much of the Examiner's formal concerns having derived from a lack of clarity in the reference character notation, certain of those reference characters appearing in Figs. 2-4 have been amended. The resulting changes to the reference characters, among other things, now allow for clearer correlation between various views shown in the

Figures. Certain paragraphs of the Specification have been amended to preserve consistency with the Drawings in reference character notation.

It is respectfully submitted, therefore, that the subject patent Application has now been placed fully in condition for allowance, and such action is respectfully requested.

No fees are believed to be due with this Amendment. If there are any charges associated with this filing, the Honorable Commissioner for Patents is hereby authorized to charge Deposit Account #18-2011 for such charges.

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